

Virginia Cooperative Extension Services



4-H Programs

Vivienne S. Ellyson, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

It's time to think about all of the fun activities that 4-H has planned for youth this spring and summer. Please call the Extension Office (727-3435) if you have any questions.

TRAIN & SHOW YOUR DOG WORKSHOP

There will be an open youth Dog Show at the Culpeper-Madison-Rappahannock (CMR) Fair in July. A series of 6 workshops will be held for youth (ages 9 - 18) interested in showing their dog at the CMR Fair. You'll learn about showmanship and basic dog obedience. Sessions will be held on Monday nights (May 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19) from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on the grass next to the parking lot of the Culpeper Baptist Church. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Your dog should wear a choke chain collar and a 6' lead. The lead should not be a chain. You'll want something soft (cotton webbing, leather, nylon webbing) that won't hurt your hand.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS:

4-H offers a wide variety of summer workshops for youth. There's something to please everyone. Actual workshop titles, dates, and times were not available when this article had to go to press, but a flyer will be available by mid-May. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

DAY CAMP:

Looking for something new to do this summer? Culpeper 4-H will hold a Day Camp for youth ages 7 – 12 at beautiful Verdun Adventure Bound in Rixeyville. This year's theme is "Exploring Nature". Camp will take place July 24 – 27 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Campers will choose 3 workshops from a wide selection. There will be recreational activities and/or a special program every afternoon. An informational flyer/registration form is available at the Extension Office. Camp may fill up quickly, so register early.

CMR FAIR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER:

The Culpeper-Madison-Rappahannock Fair will take place from July 26 through July 31 this year. Many exciting events are being planned, especially for Saturday and Sunday. Youth already enrolled in a 4-H club may obtain all of the details, including entry forms through their club leader. Entry forms for the Livestock Shows and 4-H Cat Show will be due by June 1. Open animal shows (pet, dog, rabbit, poultry) and Showcase Building exhibits (baked goods, crops, arts & crafts, photography, flower arrangements, sewing & needlework, etc.) may be entered later (see catalog). The catalog will be published as a special supplement of the Culpeper Citizen newspaper this year. Watch for this in the June 29th edition. A limited number of copies will also be available at the Extension Office after that date.

4-H JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP:

Culpeper-Shenandoah-Rappahannock 4-H Junior Camp takes place August 6 – 10 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA. Campers, ages 9 – 13 (as of 9/30/06) will choose 3 workshops from a wide selection. There will be swimming and recreation time every afternoon and special evening programs and campfires nightly. An informational flyer/registration form is available at the Extension Office. Camp usually fills up quickly, so register early.

NEW 4-H PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Calling all performers, musicians, singers, costumers, technical folks, and anyone else that can enjoy being a part of something great! Culpeper 4-H is looking for people interested in starting a year-round Performing Arts Club. Join now and be part of the planning team. If interested, please complete a survey at the Extension Office, and you'll be invited to an organizational meeting.

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Pesticide Disposal Program & Pesticide Container Recycling Program

Carl C. Stafford, Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Virginia Cooperative Extension is cooperating with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Pesticide Control Board, participating localities and farm suppliers to conduct another Pesticide Disposal Program and the Pesticide Container Recycling Program for 2006.

Since it started in 1990, the Pesticide Disposal Program has collected and destroyed a total of 1.2 million pounds of pesticides, making Virginia one of only 14 states to dispose of more than a million pounds of unwanted pesticides. Here in Culpeper we have removed over 18,000 pounds of unwanted, out-of-date pesticides during two separate collection events since 1994.

The 2006 Pesticide Disposal Program will be held this fall in the following counties/cities: Albemarle, Buena Vista, Augusta, Charlottesville, Bath, Harrisonburg, Clarke, Lexington, Culpeper, Staunton, Fauquier, Waynesboro, Fluvanna, Winchester, Frederick, Greene, Highland, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren. If you have any agricultural pesticides on hand that you would like to get rid of, hold on to them until fall.

The Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program has recycled 745,000 containers since it began in 1993, effectively removing a significant volume of plastic from the waste stream. Over the last 3 years in Culpeper, working with Culpeper County government, the Culpeper Farmers' Coop and local farmers we have recycled over 5000 plastic pesticide containers.

The Pesticide Container Recycling Program is an environmentally responsible alternative for the disposal of properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers. Granulated containers are recycled and used in a number of different non-food products. Recycling the plastic containers removes a significant volume of waste plastic from our landscape and keeps them out of landfills. The recycling program will continue in 2006 in Culpeper.

Plan to recycle your triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers at the Culpeper Coop—every Saturday through June, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon, then every second and fourth Saturday from July – September. Jet rinse nozzles are available free of charge. For more information contact Carl Stafford at 727-3435, ext. 351 or email at: ccstaffo@vt.edu or David Lambert at the Coop at 825-2200.

The Pesticide Disposal and Plastic Container Recycling Programs are free for agricultural participants. They are funded through pesticide fees collected by VDACS' Office of Pesticide Services.

Update on Obtaining Your Credit Reports

Linda G. Murphy, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

Frequently I receive requests for assistance in getting the personal or family budget under control. It is not uncommon that a denial for credit has led to the request. If indeed a denial for credit was granted, the lender should have identified the source of the credit report from which the information was obtained. Given this information you can follow up with a request to determine what the problem may be, if not already known.

It is usually recommended that you obtain a copy of your credit reports once a year. This allows you to determine if the information is accurate before you apply for a loan. You may also request a copy of your credit score. Although there are some variations in credit scoring, it determines whether you can get credit and at what rate of interest. Even if you are not in the market for a loan, obtaining a copy of your credit report is a measure you can take to help protect against identity theft. Credit reports may be used for other limited purposes other than obtaining credit. Insurance companies, employers, medical providers,

and landlords sometimes use the information. Further information on Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act is available at www.ftc.gov/.

There are three major credit reporting companies that exist nationally: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Starting December 1, 2005, you may request annually a credit report from each of the agencies at no charge. There may be a fee for the credit score. You can obtain the copy of your report by submitting an application at the official website www.annualcreditreport.com. Or you may print out the Annual Credit Report Request form from the website and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You will need to provide current mailing address, your previous mailing address if at current address less than two years, social security number, birth date, and your full name. Check out the frequently asked questions section to obtain further information regarding credit reports. Remember, wise use of credit is but one step in the process to successful financial management.

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Selling the Farm to Save the Business?

Keith Dickinson, Extension Agent, Farm Business Management

If you talk to nearly anyone in the farming communities in the Northern half of Virginia, an issue that you are likely to hear discussed before long will be “growth”. Communities which were once very remote and rural are quickly finding themselves closer and closer to the edge of urban and suburban regions. The housing boom of the past several years, fueled by steady job growth in Northern Virginia and surrounding areas, has led to a strong demand for new housing and commercial development. In the areas further out from the primary growth areas, demand for single family homes and country estates is increasing, as folks from more urban environments look to “escape to the country” as they approach retirement. As these changes to the rural communities occur, there are certainly impacts on these communities, and it is hard to find a resident who does not have some sort of opinion on the subject.

As land development in rural communities changes from agricultural uses to housing, commercial or another non-farming use, the impacts on the agricultural industry can be significant. When resident populations increase, farmers find more traffic on roads, which can lead to frustrations and even dangerous conditions when moving farm equipment from one field to another. New residents to the changing communities often are not accustomed to the smells, sights and common practices necessary to support a thriving agricultural community. At the least, these residents can be a nuisance to farm operators as they conduct their normal farming operations. At the worst, they can put pressure on local governments to enact public policies which can be detrimental to the viability of an agricultural business, such as a repeal or revision of Use-Value taxation.

Beyond the annoyance or nuisance issues created for an agricultural industry by increased urban pressure, there are often considerable economic impacts on the industry. It is important to keep in mind that residential and commercial development nearly always replace agricultural development. An open farm field is not “undeveloped” land. That field, when part of a farming operation, has been developed for agricultural use through the management of a farmer. An increase in the level of commercial and residential development in a community nearly always means that the level of agricultural development is decreasing, and therefore that industry is in decline within that community.

When the number of viable farming operations decreases in a community, the portion of the agricultural industry which supports the farming operations also must decrease or adapt to the changes in the community. This means that farm equipment dealers will change their focus to “lawn & garden” and small “estate” equipment sales rather than the sale and support of large farm equipment. Feed and fertilizer dealers will shift focus from supporting large farms to supporting small scale agriculture. The availability of custom farm services will decline as the number of farms in an area decreases. As the businesses that help support farming businesses decrease their availability and service to farms in a community, remaining farms must go further and pay more for these services.

Many agricultural producers find themselves facing difficult decisions about the future of their farming operation as the communities around them grow. Some will see the growing community as an opportunity to diversify their farming operations into producing crops, products and

services which can be marketed direct to the consumer at a higher value, such as nursery crops, fresh produce, value-added products and agri-tourism enterprises. Unfortunately, these opportunities generally are few in number, and require a management skill set that many producers do not possess, or the producer simply does not want to move into these areas of production. Many more producers are faced with the difficult question of “Should I stay, or should I go?”.

The decision to sell the family farm in the face of urban pressure can be a very emotional and stressful one. Sentimental ties to the land that the family has farmed for generations can run very deep. Often the attitude sets in to the farm manager that the farmland must be preserved “at all costs”. While this approach will certainly preserve the sense of heritage and ties to the family farm, it may not always lead to the desired results of keeping the family farm intact. As the aforementioned economic stresses take their toll on the farm business, its viability can suffer and the owner may eventually be forced to sell out as a means to avoid bankruptcy, or even worse yet, as a result of bankruptcy. During the long downward spiral towards bankruptcy, a farm manager or owner can endure many stresses, including depression and a sense of failure, because he or she could not find a way to make the business survive.

Another option for farm owners is to consider the other business opportunities presented by the encroachment of urban pressure on their community. As property values rise, farmland becomes more valuable for non-farming uses than for farming uses. In some cases, the best business decision for a farm business in the face of intense urban pressure may be relocation. In nearly every industry, relocation of factories, retail outlets and other infrastructure is common as the local and even national economies change. If a farm is being managed as a business, and not as a family heirloom, relocation should be considered as an option for maintaining the farm business’ long-term viability.

As a farm manager considers options for maintaining the future viability of the farm business, many issues must be considered. Family interests are certainly an important consideration to any family held business. A balance between family interests and the interests of the business must be achieved in order to maintain the sustainability of both. Furthermore, just as each family has its own unique quirks and qualities, individual farm businesses have unique strengths and weaknesses that must be evaluated in order to determine the best options for maintaining a profitable operation.

Virginia Cooperative Extension can assist farm managers work through these issues in order to find the best options for that farm business. Finally, farm managers in the 21st century must be forward thinking and looking for changes in their industry as they happen in order to survive. For those managers on the fringe of urbanizing areas, the time to begin discussing your options is today.

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Healthy Culpeper is a collaboration of over 55 community partner agencies and organizations working together to create a healthy, secure, and educated community. Four committees work on community issues and they include Adult/Senior, Teen, Youth, and Early Childhood. Check out our website for more details!



AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM



Registration forms for the fall term of the **After School Arts Program** will be available in the June edition of the Culpeper County Public Schools Parent Newsletter and on our website this summer for **classes** that begin the week of September 11. The program is available for any middle or high school student in Culpeper County, is free of charge, and offers a variety of mediums provided in school classrooms with experienced instructors.

For the fall, we hope to have the following classes: beginning violin, drawing, painting, quilting, creative writing, beginning guitar and a creative art sampler to explore different mediums. We are also planning arts field trips for October. The **registration due date is August 28**. Thank you to Culpeper County Public Schools and our other partners in this effort (Culpeper Human Services & Culpeper Parks & Recreation. Please keep us in mind or contact us if you are interested in supporting after-school programming or in volunteering.



Empowering Culpeper Food Commodities Program has moved!

Our volunteers and community partners have done it—found a new, more accessible place in Culpeper to distribute food from the Empowering Culpeper Food Commodities Program. We will now be distributing food at **Providence Bible Church** (740 Old Brandy Road) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays with the same distribution dates listed below. **AND** the Culpeper Connector will be making a stop at this location on pick-up days. Make sure that you arrive as soon as possible—registration and distribution can take a little time. Families that are income-eligible will be enrolled to receive commodities on a monthly basis. If you would like to **volunteer** on Thursdays or Saturdays for unloading and distribution, or would like to help us pay delivery fees by giving a charitable donation, please contact Sam's Place at (540) 825-9073. Thank you!

2006 Distribution Dates:

May 20th June 17th July 15th Aug 19th Sep 16th Oct 21st Nov 18th Dec 16th

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Culpeper County Department of Health

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

While enjoying the outdoors, being active, and getting exercise all contribute to overall good health, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District reminds residents that they need to be on the lookout for ticks that can carry a number of threatening diseases. With the approaching warm weather ticks become active, and health officials are reminding residents of ways to avoid exposure and the diseases insects may carry.

Lyme disease is a bacterial disease that some people get after being bitten by ticks that are infected with an organism named *Borrelia burgdorferi*. People of any age can get Lyme disease. It usually occurs during the summer in persons who work or recreate outdoors and thus have a greater chance of coming into contact with infected ticks. Dogs and horses also have been known to get Lyme disease; you cannot, however, get Lyme disease from animals or other people.

“Lyme disease is one of the more common, yet challenging to diagnose, tick-borne diseases that are reported to the Health Department,” said Lilian Peake, M.D., M.P.H., Health Director for the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District. “Ticks can be very hard to see; yet the results of their bites can be extremely debilitating. Symptoms of Lyme disease may include extreme fatigue, an expanding rash that may or may not resemble a bull’s eye, and stiff, aching muscles. These symptoms can linger for months or even years.”

Over the past five years, an average of 77 cases has been reported annually in Virginia, many in the eastern and central regions of the state. All regions, however, have Lyme disease activity, and it is important to be aware of prevention measures. Antibiotics are an effective treatment method, if an early diagnosis is made. While Lyme disease is not generally fatal, there are other tick-borne diseases, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, that are.

The key to avoiding these diseases is prevention. Health District Epidemiologist April Achter, MPH, recommends taking the following steps to avoid tick and mosquito-borne diseases:

Whenever possible, avoid entering areas that are likely to be infested with ticks, especially in spring and summer when nymphal ticks feed. Tall grassy areas and dense wooded areas are favorite tick habitats. If you are going to be in a tick-infested area, wear long-sleeved shirts, tuck your pants into your socks or wear high rubber boots. Wear loose, light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily and removed before becoming attached. If you find a tick on yourself or your child, grasp the tick with fine point tweezers as close to the skin as possible and gently pull the tick straight out. Health officials do not recommend removing ticks with nail polish, petroleum jelly, alcohol or hot matches.

Other ways to reduce the risk of tick attachment include applying recommended amounts of insect repellents containing DEET to clothes and exposed skin, or applying repellants containing permethrin to your clothing. After being outside in areas where ticks are likely to be, check yourself, your children and pets for ticks, and promptly remove any found. (Transfer of the Lyme disease bacteria from the infected tick to a person probably does not occur unless the tick has been attached to the body for 36 hours.)

Achter also recommends additional ways to avoid tick exposure such as “If you or your child has long hair, tie it back. And reduce the number of ticks around your home by removing leaf litter, areas of tall grass, and woodpiles around your yard.”

For more information on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, log onto www.vdh.virginia.gov or www.cdc.gov.

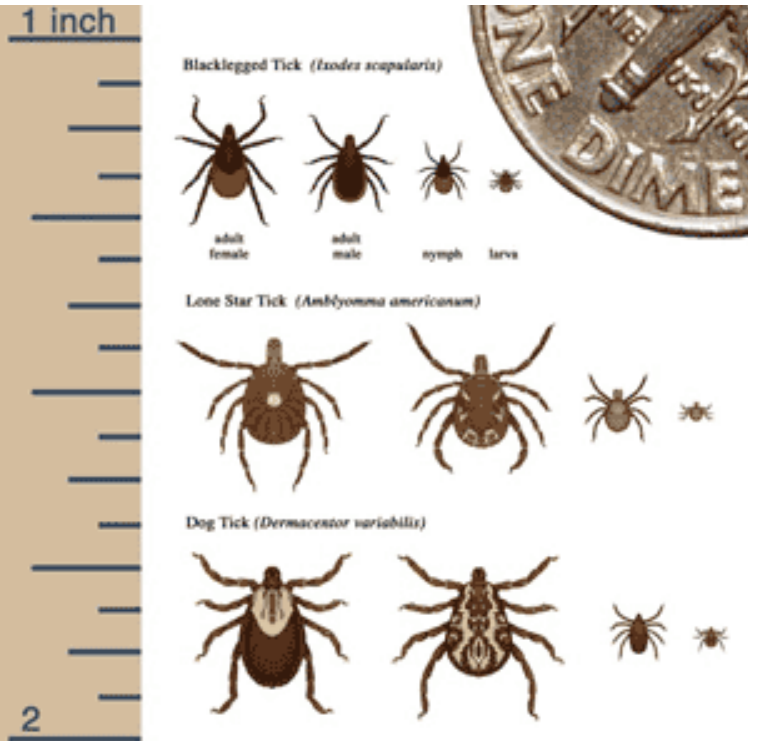


Image showing appearance and relative sizes of adult male and female, nymph and larval ticks including deer ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), Lone star ticks (*Amblyomma americanum*), and dog ticks (*Dermacentor variabilis*). Of those pictured, only the *Ixodes scapularis* ticks are known to transmit Lyme disease.

If you believe you may have Lyme disease, it is important that you consult your health care provider for proper diagnosis.

Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps

Citizen Corps -
A national network
for hometown security.
You Can Help!

We all have a role in hometown security

Citizen Corps asks you to embrace the personal responsibility; to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a specialized component of the Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps (RRMRC) volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

RRMRC volunteers are people who are trained and prepared to volunteer in emergencies. More volunteers are needed! A wide variety of training is offered throughout the year. Please consider joining the Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps today!

You do not need to have medical training, and the time commitment is only 3-6 hours per year. Applications and more information can be found at <http://rrmrc.vdh.virginia.gov>.

The next orientation will be held on July 22nd at the Culpeper Rescue Squad from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by Family and Personal Preparedness Training. In August the training will be on Pandemic Flu, and September's training will be on Isolation and Quarantine.

For more information please call 540-829-7350 or email RRMRC@vdh.virginia.gov.

Free Clinic of Culpeper

What is the Free Clinic of Culpeper?
How does it relate to you?

She lives alone. The part-time job pays minimum wage. The second job is enough to cover the rent. Health benefits are not available for part-time employees. The cost of her medications to control high blood pressure, probably a result of the stress caused by trying to make ends meet, is \$78 per month. The doctor visit costs \$86 plus the unpaid time off work to make it to the appointment. Sound familiar?

The Free Clinic of Culpeper was created with a mission to serve the working residents of Culpeper County whose income is at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Many of us are quick to judge those folks who actually find it necessary to access health care through a free clinic, let alone to apply for Medicaid. That mode of thinking is rapidly changing as our population feels the effects of the rising cost of health care and the phasing out of health benefits by many employers.

Suddenly it is not unusual to discover that your next door neighbor in that middle class neighborhood is actually receiving help through the Free Clinic. Suddenly you find yourself considering the same option.

Diversity is another visitor to the Clinic. The faces we see are changing daily, as people transition from one county, or another country, to Culpeper. Oftentimes patients find themselves between jobs, locations, suddenly single, and feeling very alone. Just as Hurricane Katrina drastically changed lives within a few hours, circumstances in life can unexpectedly occur with devastating effects.

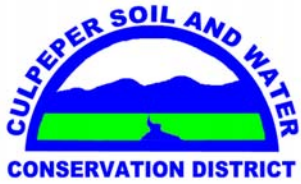
Our mission is to serve those who are chronically ill, as well as those folks who need a short-term amount of care, just to help them get back on their feet.

If you are a Culpeper County resident between the ages of 18 and 64, working or disabled, and unable to afford health insurance, you might consider calling us at 540-825-2252 for more information. Our goal is to provide quality, accessible health care.

If you would like to volunteer at the clinic we'd love to hear from you. You do have options.

*Laurel S. Care
Executive Director*

Have you become physically and/or verbally abusive to your spouse or significant other? Help is available. Contact Culpeper County Criminal Justice Services at 540-727-3450 for a referral to a treatment provider.



Reporting Water Pollution: A Citizen's Guide

Who to call if you are concerned about a potential pollution issue affecting a local body of water



Water supply must be protected from sedimentation and erosion during construction.

Protecting Clean Water Supplies

The mission of the Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District is to promote the stewardship of soil and water resources through education and technical assistance for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties.

Although the District's programs are voluntary, there are laws and regulations administered by other agencies that protect rivers, lakes and streams from activities which cause water pollution.

The public can help protect local water quality by reporting to the appropriate agency any activity which may be causing water pollution. The following information is provided to help the public keep Virginia's surface waters clean.

Who to Contact

Local erosion and sediment control ordinances are established in each county, as mandated by state law, to protect water bodies and other properties from construction-related erosion and sedimentation.

Some activities, such as agriculture, forestry, mining and state agency projects, are exempt from these ordinances. They are covered by separate regulations and should be reported to the appropriate agency.

Construction-Related

To report pollution occurring from construction-related soil erosion or sedimentation, contact your county erosion and sediment

control program inspector (in each county planning department). You can request a copy of the ordinance and a follow-up report.

Culpeper County 540-727-3404
Greene County 434-985-5204
Madison County 540-948-6102
Orange County 540-672-4347
Rappahannock County 540-675-3598



Erosion and sediment control are monitored locally by county programs.

Citizens can also file a report with the state erosion and sediment control inspector at the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The state provides oversight responsibilities for local county programs and can assist with inspections once notified.

All Counties 804-443-8125

Timber Harvest

To report erosion and sedimentation pollution related to timber harvest operations, contact your local office of the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Culpeper County 540-347-6358
Greene, Madison
& Rappahannock Counties 540-948-5341
Orange County 540-672-2638

Forest land clearing after timber harvests are completed is not covered by the Department of Forestry. This activity is covered by county erosion and sediment control programs, and problems should be reported to the county erosion and sediment control inspector (see *Construction Related*). Post harvest land clearing is **not** an

exempt activity under the erosion and sedimentation control law.



Timber Harvest land clearing is governed by local county erosion and sediment control programs.

Unknown Source

To report suspected water pollution when the source of pollutants is not known, contact Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. You may request a follow-up report on the investigation.

Culpeper, Madison, Orange
& Rappahannock Counties 703-583-3864
Greene County 540-574-7815

Stream and Wetlands

To report activities causing major instream disturbances, or wetland disturbances, contact the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Greene County 540-886-4221
Culpeper, Madison, Orange
& Rappahannock Counties 540-548-2517

You may also call the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

All Counties 757-247-2200

Agricultural Activities

To report water pollution resulting from agricultural activities, contact the Agricultural Stewardship Act Program Coordinator at the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

All Counties 804-786-2658

For more information about deicers, best management practices, reporting pollution, moving dirt & other issues regarding soil & water conservation please contact Stephanie Rose DeNicola, Communications Specialist of Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District at (540) 825-8591.

Environmental Services

CULPEPER COUNTY **5th HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** **COLLECTION DAY**



PUT HAZARDOUS WASTE IN ITS PLACE!

WHEN?

June 3, 2006

(WATCH FOR AD IN *CULPEPER STAR EXPONENT* AND *CULPEPER CITIZEN*)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE?

Parking lots of Floyd T. Binns Middle School and
School Maintenance Department – Radio Lane, Culpeper

WHAT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES WILL BE ACCEPTED?

- Paints (Latex and Oil Based)
- Paint Thinners and Solvents
- Household Batteries
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Solid/Liquid Pesticides
- Poisons
- Aerosol Cans
- Acids



- Adhesives
- Household Cleaners
- Oxidizers
(Such as Pool Chemicals and Bleach)
- Photographic Chemicals
- Unwanted Fuels
(such as gasoline and kerosene)
- Corrosives
(such as ammonia & drain cleaner)
- Insecticides/Pesticides/Herbicides

While these products can help to make our lives easier, they can also harm our families, our pets and our environment if not used and disposed of properly. Americans create about 1.6 million tons of household hazardous waste each year!

(<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/hhw.htm>)

WHAT WASTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED?

- **WASTE FROM COMMERCIAL GENERATORS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED !!**
- Ammunition; explosives; compressed gas cylinders and any unidentifiable materials.
- Biological; medical or radioactive wastes



HOW DO I PREPARE MY WASTE FOR TRANSPORT?

- Bring household hazardous waste in original container(s) or if not available, in a clearly labeled, leak-proof container(s), making sure lids are tight.
- If a container leaks, pack the contents and the container in a larger package and use an absorbent material, such as cat litter, to soak up the leak.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTION EVENT?

The improper disposal of household hazardous waste can not only harm the environment, but is also a threat to human health. Hazardous waste does not belong in the garbage, toilet, storm drain, or on the ground. It can kill wildlife and pets, pollute the soil, threaten underground water reserves or can be carried away by surface waters to lakes and streams.

For further information please contact:
Culpeper County Department of Environmental Services
(540) 727-3409

UNSECURED LOADS– IT IS LITTERING AND IT IS ILLEGAL!

Culpeper has seen an increase in the last few years in the amount of litter along its roadways and especially along Route 522 which leads directly to the County Transfer Station. Operation of a vehicle in the Commonwealth of Virginia from which a load is blowing, falling, dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping is LITTERING and is a crime. The Commonwealth requires that all loads being carried on its highways and byways be covered to prevent escape from the vehicle and onto the roadway. Very recently, the County Transfer Station was handing out fliers that detail the law regarding covered loads as a courtesy to the businesses and residents of Culpeper County. Prosecution due to littering is a real possibility, and we want our residents to help in the fight against litter.

So how can you help?

- 1) Tarp or cover your loads in your vehicle to make sure they are secured.
- 2) Use proper containers to dispose of trash.
- 3) Gather a group of friends or neighbors together and clean up the local roads.
- 4) NEVER THROW ANYTHING from a moving vehicle.

What is the penalty for littering?

The penalty for littering in the Commonwealth of Virginia is:

§ 33.1-346. Dumping trash, companion animals, etc., on highway, right-of-way or private property; penalty.

C. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for not more than 12 months and a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,500, either or both.

In lieu of the imposition of confinement in jail, the court may order the defendant to perform community service in litter abatement activities.

Please help us in the fight against litter in Culpeper County. We are on the verge of implementing new programs to fight this growing problem, but these programs only work with your help! If you have any questions about how you can help combat litter in Culpeper County, please call the Department of Environmental Services at (540) 727-3409 or check out the State Litter Prevention Website at:
<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/service/litter/education.html>



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The Case for Boundary Adjustment and Joint Authority: Long-Term Fiscal Sustainability
 for the Town and County and Lower Tax Rates
By Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager

You might have heard that the Town and County are discussing the formation of a joint water and sewer authority. If you have heard about it, then you probably also know that the discussions include boundary adjustment. “What,” you might ask, “does boundary adjustment have to do with an authority?” The answer actually has more to do with economics than water and sewer. Both governing bodies can create new tax base which generates tax revenue without large tax increases to pay for the cost of services caused by growth, such as schools. This, combined with other financial mechanisms described below, can create long-term fiscal sustainability for the Town and County.

Let me explain why boundary adjustment is so important to the Town and, in our opinion, equally important to both the Town and County taxpayer.

The proposed boundary adjustment map is available for viewing on the Town’s web site at www.culpeper.to. The areas immediately adjacent to the current Town boundary are likely to develop first as a result of additional sewer capacity provided by the Town or Authority. As new businesses open, commerce and customers create additional service demands - more heavily traveled roads and the need for a greater police presence, to name a few. This increase for service creates fiscal pressure on the Town. For example, the frequency in which roads need to be repaired increases as more vehicles travel on them.

Growth and development adjacent to the current Town boundaries satisfies a market demand and creates new tax base and tax revenue (for the County only), but the Town does not have a way to recover costs. However, if the areas are in Town, the County does not lose *any* revenue. The Town intends to master plan the adjusted areas and promote and encourage appropriate mixed-use development rather than add traditional single-family homes.

How does the County benefit through boundary adjustment? The County collects the same amount of revenue from development whether it is in Town or out of Town - it does not lose revenues if an area is adjusted into the Town. In addition, the Town has offered to share a portion of the meals tax collected in the adjusted areas with the County. What does this mean? If the County has one parcel with a restaurant, the County receives X in revenue. If that same parcel is adjusted into the Town, the County still receives X and can now add Y - a percentage of the meals tax.

If the areas just outside the current Town boundaries develop, only the County’s real estate tax base increases. However, the new development will negatively impact existing in-Town commercial properties. The nominal increase in new County real estate tax revenue is offset by a stagnant or decline in the Town’s tax base (which includes a broad array of revenue sources—BPOL, meals, etc.) If the area is adjusted into the Town, a percentage of the total new revenue generated from the adjusted areas will be reinvested in the Town. These projects can focus on existing commercial areas, the downtown, neighborhoods and corridors. Public capital investment spurs private sector investment - the Davis Street revitalization is a real-life example. This results in new tax base and enables the existing tax base to increase, meaning new revenues without increasing the tax rate.

Now you are asking yourself, what if I own property in an area that the Town would like to adjust, what happens to me? For example, if you have an existing agriculture use, the use would remain and be taxed at the existing rate. The rate would only change if the property is sold.

To summarize, boundary adjustment enables the Town to mitigate the impacts of new development. The new development provides a revenue stream for the Town to reinvest and grow the tax base, generating additional revenues and stabilizing the tax rate. The County does not lose any revenues. To the contrary, the County benefits from revenue sharing in the form of meals and BPOL taxes, as well as growth in the Town’s tax base. As revenues increase for the Town and the County as a result of boundary adjustment and an increase in capacity through the authority, tax rates remain relatively consistent.

If you have any questions about the economics of boundary adjustment and water and sewer authority, please call me at 540-829-8250.

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Terry L. Yowell



REAL ESTATE UPDATE:

The Commissioner of the Revenue Division of Real Estate Assessments has moved to the “Old Town Hall” building at 118 W. Davis Street, Suite 100. The office space dedicated to our Division is located in the front of the building, ground entrance. The Real Estate Division consists of 3 Real Estate Appraisers, a Real Estate Transfer Specialist, a Real Estate Clerk, the Land Use and Tax Relief Administrator, a part-time Data Entry Clerk and 9 part-time, temporary, Field Data Technicians.

Our Field Data Technicians are nearing the completion of their visits to your homes. As of the first week in April, they had inspected over 16,000 properties. We are continuing to update the property records with the information they have collected. Thank you for making their job a pleasant and productive one.

REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE:

According to the information available to us, we are seeing the real estate market remain strong. With spring, sales have picked up. The inventory of property for sale is not as great as it was at this time last year, and properties tend to stay on the market a little longer, but the selling prices remain stable. For comparison, we have received more building permits for the first quarter of this year 2006 than for the first quarter of last year 2005. This also indicates stability in the market.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions or concerns, or just stop by and visit with us at our new office space.

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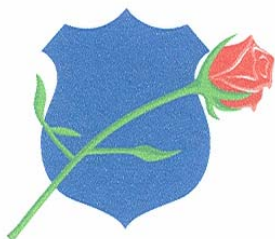
At this time of year, the Board of Supervisors has the difficult task of determining the needs of the county and adopting the budget for the next fiscal year. It is always a complicated balancing act to ensure sufficient funding exists for both county government and school needs, as well as to keep taxes as low as possible for the citizens.

I believe our board has done a great job of this over the years and will do so again, even though this year may be the most challenging ever. I mention this because the board has been very supportive of the Sheriff's Office, and that support translates into resources that are necessary to maintain the low crime rate enjoyed in Culpeper County. In fact, although calls for service have doubled since 2000, major crime has actually decreased, and the solvability rate has increased by 12 percent.

I believe these numbers are particularly important because they reflect the team efforts between the Sheriff's Office and the community, and because Culpeper County is the 18th fastest growing county in the United States. Popular programs, such as the Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy and the numerous other crime prevention programs, continue to flourish. And our focus on domestic violence issues has led to a reduction in the number of cases by over 50 percent since 2001.

I look forward to continued progress and thank our federal and state representatives, the Board of Supervisors and the members of the community for the continued support.

One final note, my Chief Deputy, Maj. Jim Branch, myself, and the entire Sheriff's Office are using all resources and are committed to bringing to justice the perpetrator responsible for the murder of Sheryl Warner.



Police Unity Tour Incorporated

Investigator Scott Bzdak from the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office will ride in the Police Unity Tour this year. The Police Unity Tour consists of Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the United States who will bicycle from Florham Park, New Jersey, to Washington, D.C. to remember and honor fallen officers who have died in the line of duty. Each officer is required to raise \$1500.00 to participate in the 300-plus-mile trip. All proceeds will benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.



Culpeper Regional Airport

Warbirds in the Sky

World War II aircraft in tight formation were seen in the skies over Culpeper recently. A training clinic focusing on flying planes in close formation brought in instructors from as far away as Atlanta, GA, all part of the Commemorative Air Force Training Squadron One (TRARON). Students included pilots from the Mid-Atlantic area.

The National Capitol Squadron (NCS) of the Commemorative Air Force, based at the Culpeper Airport (CJR), both hosted and participated in the event, with the full support of the CJR staff. The TRARON instructors cited both the NCS and Airport staff as having provided an excellent venue for the training.

During the 3-day training, formal lectures and briefings were followed by multiple four-ship flights. Pilots, with qualified instructors in the back seat, practiced traditional military skills, aimed at a qualification level that will allow them to demonstrate these techniques at public air shows.



CAF Colonel John Glen Fuentes prepares his BT-13 Valiant for flight



Warbirds on the flight line



CAF Colonels Rick Hosking and Tom Malone prepare to mount up



CAF Colonels Morris Ray and Mike Hogan ready for departure

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of military aircraft in a flying condition. The National Capitol Squadron is the local unit of the

CAF, which opens its hangar/museum to the public on the second Saturday of each month, from 9-4. The squadron's warbirds will be featured at the Culpeper Airfest in October. (*See photo on back page.*)

Scenic Rides and the Flying Circus

John Corradi, owner/operator of Blue Ridge Biplane Rides, offers both scenic and aerobatic rides in his gorgeous 1942 Waco (pronounced Wah'-ko) open-cockpit biplane. John caused quite a stir at the Airport during the holidays, as both Fox News and USATV-9 came to Culpeper to feature John and his award-winning biplane in a story on unique Christmas gift ideas.

"It was nineteen degrees - the coldest I've ever flown the old girl - but she performed flawlessly, and it was, of course, LOTS of fun!" said John, who is also the airport manager at the Flying Circus Aerodrome in Bealeton. (*See photo on back page.*)

"We're getting ready for our thirty-sixth year of offering a unique, family-oriented, afternoon of good old-fashioned FUN!" The first show of the year is Sunday, May 7th, and the Flying Circus puts on a show every Sunday through October. This year, folks should begin to see signs of all the efforts of John and his crew during the off-season. "We've put in a waste-water treatment plant, which means that we'll soon have real bathrooms!"

And we hope to have a new pavilion up and available to the public by opening day. We've always made the beautiful grounds at the Aerodrome available to groups to come out for company picnics and that sort of thing, and now they won't have to bother with renting a tent. We'll even cater their affairs if they wish," said John.

"So please tell folks to come to the Flying Circus on Sundays for 'The Greatest Show Above the Earth' and call me for the same sort of thrills and excitement the rest of the week," said John.

"The hour-long Shenandoah Valley Special is my most popular ride - it's just so incredibly beautiful over there in the Valley, and folks can't believe how serene and relaxing that flight is. And for those who like living on the edge, my aerobatic flights provide an adrenalin rush that they tell me lasts for days!"

Please visit www.blueridgebiplanerides.com or www.flyingcircusairshow.com for more information.

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World War II Aircraft cruising
Two T-6 Texans joining on the leader



John Corradi waves from his spectacular 1942 Waco biplane

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